



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Kathie Tovo called the committee meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance:

Council Member Kathie Tovo, Chair
Council Member Leslie Pool, Vice Chair
Mayor Steve Adler
Mayor Pro Tem Delia Garza
Council Member Paige Ellis
Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria
Cary Ferchill, Electric Utility Commission Chair

Committee Members absent:

Council Member Alison Alter
Council Member Gregorio Casar
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan
Council Member Ann Kitchen

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were two speakers:

- Gus Pena thanked Austin Energy employees who respond to water utility issues and thanked City Council for their support. He also said customer service has improved and payment plans have also helped.
- Steven Quisenberry said he is a representative from Increment Energy which provides a product that increases efficiency of gas turbines, leveraging current resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting.**

The minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting were approved on Mayor Adler’s motion, and Council Member Harper-Madison’s second, on a 7-0 vote. Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, and Kitchen were off the dais.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. 2020 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting schedule.

Discussion included conflicts with other meetings and dates Council members are not available.

The meeting dates of January 29, February 26, and April 1 were approved on Council Member Ellis' motion, and Vice Chair Pool's second, on a 7-0 vote. Council Members Alter, Casar, Flannigan, and Kitchen were off the dais.

BRIEFINGS

3. General Manager's report:

- **Upcoming recommendations for Council action: Brackenridge GIS substation rebuild, solar power purchase agreement for project located at Austin Bergstrom International Airport, electric vehicle charging station maintenance;**
- **Recent awards and events.**

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer, provided the report. Discussion included electric vehicle charging port maintenance and outstanding service from Austin Energy staff responding to an outage in bad weather.

4. Decker Creek Power Station workforce planning.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Charles Dickerson provided the update. Discussion included connecting employees to open positions, training offered to employees, and the number of employees who have taken assessments.

5. Fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2019 operations report highlights.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Charles Dickerson provided the report highlights.

6. Fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2019 financial report highlights.

(Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 2: Mayor Steve Adler)

Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer, provided the report highlights.

FUTURE ITEMS

No items were requested.

ADJOURN

Chair Tovo adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m. without objection.

These minutes were approved at the January 29, 2020 Committee meeting on Council Member Alter's motion, Mayor Adler's second on a 6-0 vote. Council Members Casar, Ellis, Flannigan, Harper-Madison, and Kitchen were absent.